Bicycle, Skateboard and Scooter Safety

As the 2015-2016 school year comes to an end, the Eastvale Police Department would like to remind parents, and persons under the age of 18, of California Vehicle Code 21212 (a).

Section 21212 (a) VC (Vehicle Code) states:

21212 (a) VC: *A person under 18 years of age shall not operate a bicycle, a nonmotorized scooter, or a skateboard, nor shall they wear in-line or roller skates, nor ride upon a bicycle, a nonmotorized scooter, or a skateboard as a passenger, upon a street, bikeway, as defined in Section 890.4 of the Streets and Highways Code, or any other public bicycle path or trail unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet that meets the standards of either the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), or standards subsequently established by those entities. This requirement also applies to a person who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat that is attached to the bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle.*

Since the beginning of 2016, there have been many injuries to children and teens as a result of not wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, etc. By wearing a helmet while engaging in these types of recreational activities, children and teens have the ability to minimize or prevent injuries. Also, please ensure your child not only takes a helmet with them when they leave the house, but they wear it while riding. Many times children and teens are seen with their helmets in their possession but they choose not to wear it when unsupervised.

We ask that you educate your children and teenagers on the safety of wearing a helmet, as well as the legal aspect of it. We thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our children and teenagers informed and safe!

For more information on helmet safety, the Center for Disease Control offers helpful information on their website (http://www.cdc.gov/headsup/helmets/index.html).